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Applicant: LEPSIUS, et al.
Title: USE OF A FILM WITH ANCHORING
ELEMENTS FOR A MECHANIC FIXATION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

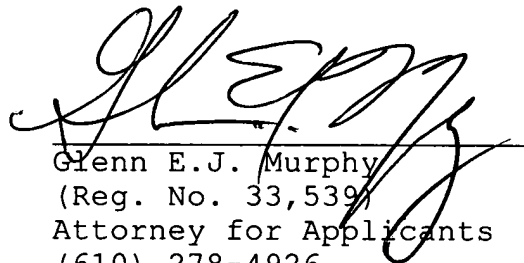
Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b) applicants disclose to the Examiner the documents listed on the attached IDC form PTO-1449; a copy of each document is enclosed. Applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to consider each document and to note that consideration where provided on the IDC. The relevance of the cited non-English documents is explained in the specification or in the attached English version of the International Search Report.

This Statement does not represent that a search was made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute prior art. Therefore applicants reserve the right to present to the Examiner the relevant facts and law regarding the status of these documents. Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish patentability of the claimed invention over the listed documents, should any be applied to the claims.

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This statement is being submitted within three months of filing the application, and therefore no fee for the IDS is believed to be due. However, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 01-1250 if any fee is needed to have the cited information considered by the Examiner.

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Enclosures

1. IDC w/references
2. International Search Report